

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully in light of the Office Action mailed November 4, 2004. In order to advance prosecution of this Application, Claims 39, 42, 43, 50, 52, 53, 60, 64, and 76 have been amended. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims and favorable action in this case.

Claims 31, 33-39, 41-43, 50, 52-60, 62-67, 69-72, and 76 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ahmed, et al. in view of Mikkonen and further in view of Menon, et al. Independent Claims 31, 39, 50, 60, 64, and 76 recite in general a first wireless virtual path established for a call associated with wireline protocol traffic and a second wireless virtual path associated with wireless protocol traffic. By contrast, the Examiner readily admits that the Mikkonen and Ahmed, et al. patents fail to disclose first and second wireless virtual paths established for a call for routing wireline and wireless traffic protocols as provided by the claimed invention. The Examiner attempts to combine the Menon, et al. patent with the Mikkonen and Ahmed, et al. patents to support separate virtual paths for wireless and wireline protocol traffic. However, the portion of the Menon, et al. patent associated with FIG. 8c cited by the Examiner merely discloses tunneling a single bearer channel with its associated signaling channel through its anchor station. The Menon, et al. patent provides no disclosure related to wireline or wireless protocol traffic. Thus, the Menon, et al. patent lacks separate wireless virtual paths for wireless protocol traffic and wireline protocol traffic as required in the claimed invention. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 31, 33-39, 41-43, 50, 52-60, 62-67, 69-72,

and 76 are patentably distinct from the proposed Ahmed, et al.
- Mikkonen - Menon, et al. combination.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of Claims
1-5, 7, 8, 10-19, 21, 22, 24-30, 44-46, 48, and 49.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clear and apparent, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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